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(POWERS)

MILLEDGEVILLE, GA.--MRS. FRANCIS GARY POWERS SAID TODAY SHE IS NOT ATTENDING HER U2 PILOT HUSBAND'S HOMETOWN RECEPTION TODAY TO GIVE HIM TIME TO BE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY, BUT SHE EXPECTS TO TAKE A "SECOND HONEYMOON" VACATION WITH HIM SOON.

"I WAS WITH HIM FOR MORE THAN THREE WEEKS," BARBARA POWERS SAID. "AND IT SEEMS ONLY RIGHT FOR HIM TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH HIS PARENTS, BUT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING WITH HIM AGAIN."

THE 28-YEAR-OLD BRUNETTE, LIVING HERE WITH HER MOTHER, SAID SHE WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE HERO'S WELCOME LAID OUT FOR HIM BY THE PEOPLE OF WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

"I THINK IT'S GRAND, I'M SURE MY HUSBAND APPRECIATES THE WELCOME," SHE SAID.

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